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SUBJECT: INVENTORY OF PANAMA TRADE PROBLEMS

1. ONE OF THE KEY AREAS OF LATIN AMERICAN CONCERN HAS BEEN THAT OF US-LATIN AMERICAN TRADE ISSUES. THIS WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE MEXICO CITY AND WASHINGTON FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETINGS AND BY AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S TRADE CONSULTATION TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVES IN THE TRADE FIELD, THE DEPARTMENT IS IDENTIFYING THE SIGNIFICANT COUNTRY-SPECIFIC TRADE PROBLEMS OF THE REGION.

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2. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED A PRE-

LIMINARY INVENTORY OF SIGNIFICANT TRADE ISSUES AFFECTING PANAMA (SEE PARA. 3). THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN GROUPED UNDER FOUR GENERAL HEADINGS WHICH INCLUDE PROBLEMS THAT PANAMA HAS WITH THE US AS WELL AS PROBLEMS WE HAVE WITH THEM. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW THE LISTING AND SUBMIT ANY ADDITIONS OR COMMENTS BY SEPTEMBER 9.

3.A. PRINCIPAL PANAMANIAN TRADE PROBLEMS WITH THE US:

NONE IDENTIFIED.

B. PRINCIPAL US TRADE PROBLEMS WITH PANAMA:

PANAMANIAN LEADERSHIP IN THE EFFORTS OF BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO FORM A PRODUCERS CARTEL AND IMPOSE NEW EXPORT

TAXES ON BANANAS CONFLICTS WITH US OPPOSITION TO FORMATION OF CARTELS OR PRESSURE GROUPS OF RAW MATERIALS PRODUCERS.

C. PRINCIPAL PANAMANIAN TRADE PROBLEMS WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES: NONE IDENTIFIED.

D. PRINCIPAL PANAMANIAN TRADE PROBLEMS WITH NON-HEMISPHERIC COUNTRIES: NONE IDENTIFIED. KISSINGER

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